

## MS 303

## A1058      Southampton Fifth R.A.F. Short Course

From the beginning of WWII, in an attempt to attract well educated men who were potential university material, the Air Ministry launched a scheme in partnership with a number of universities under which candidates assessed as suitable for Air Crew training could spend six months at a university or university college undergoing basic service training while also following an academic syllabus. The first course was held in 1940 and courses continued until 1946. These papers relate to the men who undertook the Fifth RAF Short Course held at University College, Southampton.

***Brief History of the Southampton Fifth***

MS303/1	A letter about the papers, from Jeffrey Turner to the Archives, Hartley Library, University of Southampton, with a list of some of the documents; an introduction giving a brief history of the Southampton Fifth, and an index of names of the members.	Jan 2002
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***Correspondence***

MS303/2/1	Correspondence from A.B.Gurmin (Bert) to Jeff[rey Turner] and Mac [?D A McDonnell]	1980-96
MS303/2/2	Two bundles of correspondence: letters written during the 1940s, including a message of welcome from the Secretary of State for Air, 28 Sep 1942, and a Royal Air Force Certificate of Proficiency for J Turner, 3 April 1943; notifications of the deaths of R.A.Scrase and William Francis Turner, 1945; letters from members written during the 1980s	1942-7, 1980-9
MS303/2/3	General correspondence	1990-2001

***Newsletters***

MS303/3	Newsletters; includes articles to be included in the newsletters; a photocopy of an article about the Southampton Fifth short course, <i>Wessex News</i> Vol.8 No 10, 25 June 1943; a small amount of information about reunions	1943-6, 1981-3, 1990-2000
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***Photographs and magazine cuttings***

MS303/4/1	Photographs including a group photo taken at the conclusion of the 5th Short Course, with amended lists of personnel.	1945, n.d. ca. 1980s
MS303/4/2	Cuttings from <i>Wireless World</i> describing various service electronic and navigational equipment of WWII	1946